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SUBJ: YATRON'S AIRPORT DEPARTURE REMARKS - AUGUST 15

1. THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
2. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO PERU, AS EVIDENCED BY YOUR PRESENCE HERE THIS AFTERNOON. OUR TALKS TO PERU'S PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF WAR, FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MOST PRODUCTIVE.
3. THIS BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL GROUP CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THE AMERICAN EXECUTIVES, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT WITHOUT PORTFOLIO; AS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WE WILL REPORT TO OUR COLLEAGUES, THE PRESIDENT, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED.
4. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FINANCE MINISTER IS SCHEDULED

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TO PRESENT A REVISED ECONOMIC PACKAGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND IN SEPTEMBER. WHILE THE DELEGATION HAS NO INFLUENCE IN THIS MATTER, I AM SINCERELY HOPEFUL THAT THE IMF WILL ACCEPT PERU'S PROPOSAL AND ASSIST THE COUNTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE AND ITS ECONOMY.

5. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE

PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS OUR VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE HAVE DRIVEN HOME THE SENSE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS IN PERU.

6. I BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES MARK AN IMPORTANT TURNING POINT IN AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARDS OTHER COUNTRIES.

7. I HAVE ALSO BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE PERUVIAN EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS. I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE CONCERNS HERE IN PERU IS THAT THE PERUVIAN SUGAR EXPORTS BE COMPETITIVE IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. I SHARE THIS CONCERN AND I AM HOPEFUL THAN AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED WHICH WILL ENSURE STABILITY OF EQUITABLE PRICES AND OPEN MARKETS.

8. YESTERDAY THE DELEGATION WHICH I CHAIR HAD THE DISTINCT PLEASURE TO VISIT PERU'S FIFTH LARGEST CITY, CHIMBOTE. THE GROWTH OF THE POPULATION AS WELL AS THE MAY 1960 EARTHQUAKE HAS CREATED A GREAT HARDSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHIMBOTE; IN RESPONSE TO THIS NEED AND TO THE COMMITMENT OF PERU'S GOVERNMENT, THE U.S. HAS CHANNLED DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS, AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE INTO THE CITY. THESE EFFORTS CLEARLY CONSTITUTE A SOLID INVESTMENT IN HUMAN DIGNITY BOTH FOR PERU AND FOR THE U.S.

9. NOW THAT THE EXPROPRIATION ISSUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN LARGELY RESOLVED, I AM HOPEFUL THAT FUTURE ASSISTANCE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY AND PRUDENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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ADMINISTERED. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM ENCOURAGED BY PERU'S MOVEMENT TOWARD ELECTIONS IN 1980. I WISH THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE THE UTMOST SUCCESS IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT TO RETURN THE COUNTRY TO CIVILIAN RULE. I BELIEVE WE DEPART LIMA TODAY, WITH A WIDER AND DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF PERU, HER POEPL AND HER PROBLEMS. WE CAME TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND TO LEARN AS EQUALS IN A PARTNERSHIP WHICH WILL BRING GREATER PROSPERITY TO OUR PEOPLES. WE LEAVE ENCOURAGED THAT THE HOPE WE HAVE PLACED IN THAT PARTNERSHIP RESTS SOUNDLY ON A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, UNDERTANDING AND COOPERATION.

10. CODELS YATRON AND WOLFF Q & A WILL FOLLOW.
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